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1. About 40 single-engine fighters were stationed at the Shongui ( $33^{\circ}07'E/68^{\circ}47'N$ ) airfield, 34 km south of Murmansk ( $33^{\circ}05'E/68^{\circ}58'N$ ), Murmansk Oblast.\* The field was improved in 1946 and 1947.
2. A large airfield and a radio station were near Murmansk, east of the coast. Multi-engine planes were seen taking off and landing at the field. \*\*
3. The airfield near Kildinstroi ( $33^{\circ}06'E/68^{\circ}48'N$ ) was heavily occupied by fighters. One type seen among the planes was called FW-190 \*\*\*
4. Many fighters were stationed at the airfield about 10 km south of Murmansk and 10 km north of Kildinstroi. \*\*\* Among other exercises the fighters fired at sleeve targets.

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\* [redacted] Comment. The airfield near Shongui, reportedly improved in 1946/1947, was an operational air base during the war. It was apparently occupied by a fighter regiment during the period of observation. The type of fighter was not determined.

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\*\* [redacted] Comment. The airfield northeast of Murmansk is the main commercial airfield of the Aeroflot Airlines. Four-engine planes land there. It is not clear whether military units are stationed at the field.

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\*\*\* [redacted] Comment. The airfield near Kildinstroi [redacted] seems to be the field north of Kildinstroi [redacted] which was observed to be heavily occupied by fighters. The comparison with the German FW-190 type indicates that the planes might have been of the LA-type.

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